

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACTION MINUTES

City Hall Room 10 1225 Lincoln Way

February 8, 2005 4:00 p.m. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Holmes, G. Moffat, K. Nesbitt, M. Reynolds, H. Roper, J. R. Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Cosgrove, Chamber of

Commerce

CITY STAFF: Robert Richardson, City Manager **STAFF SECRETARY**: Marilyn Hamner-Crout

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 9

MEETING CONVENED: 4:00 p.m. **MEETING ADJOURNED**: 5:10 p.m.

| | SECTION | AGENDA ITEM | ACTION | VOTE (if any) |
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| I. | Call to Order and Flag Salute | | Meeting was called to order by Chairman Monti Reynolds at 4:00 p.m. | |
| II. | Agenda Approval | Review agenda and propose changes. | No changes were requested. | |
| 111. | Public Comment | A time to speak on any item not on the agenda. | Holmes stated that since the Placer Sierra Bank Headquarters was relocating that it might be a good opportunity to push again for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy located there. | |
| IV. | Approval of Minutes | Approval of minutes for December 14, 2004 | It was moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2004, as submitted. | Motion: Holmes/ Moffat Approved. |
| V. | Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget Report | Current budget report | City Manager Bob Richardson reported there were no changes to discuss. | |
| VI. | Funding Request | None | None | |
| VII. | EDC Business | Review EDC Applications | Richardson noted there where four (4) vacancies on the EDC—three due to terms ending and one (1) resignation. Reynolds, Moffat and Smith applied for re-appointment. Two new applications were received. | |
| | | | It was moved by Holmes to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Monti Reynolds, Gary Moffat and J. Randall Smith. | Motion: Holmes/ Nesbitt Approved. |
| | | | It was moved by Nesbitt to recommend to City Council the appointment of Jan McDonald to fill the unexpired term. | Motion: Nesbitt/ Holmes Approved. |
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| | | Overview of Current City Economic Position | City Manager Bob Richardson distributed information showing a breakdown of the primary business districts and their quarterly sales tax reports. Downtown produces 21%, Old Town produces 7%, Auburn Town Center produces 14%, Hwy. 49 Corridor produces 48% and Nevada Street produces 10%. He said that Downtown and Old Town are essentially flat in their sales tax production. In Old Town only one-third of the businesses pay sales tax, because the remaining businesses are service-oriented. Though business is up and doing well, the sales tax coming to the City is going down. Economic development can be defined as two different efforts—one to help fund the City and one to create a destination. There were questions on which businesses charge sales tax and which don't. Richardson said he would get a copy of the sales tax rules. There was considerable discussion regarding future business development. | |
| | | Old Town Market Place Update | Richardson reported that Michael Murphy is very happy to be the architect. The City will assist him with engineering and information. The City Historian has been extremely helpful in providing historical information about the site. The project cannot be approved until additional parking spaces are created in Old Town. Public Works Director Charley Clark has some very good ideas for parking. | |
| | | Project Auburn Update | The project goes to the club on the 20th for its approval. OTAPS is working on the historical color palette of the houses. June 24 will be the date of the project. | |
| VIII. | Economic Development Commission Reports | Arts Market Update | No report. | |
| | | Endurance Capital Update | Richardson said the Auburn Endurance Challenge packets are being sold out each time they are printed. He predicts 10% participation. | |
| | | | Roper said the DBA met and came up with a list of Downtown building facades that need some attention He distributed copies to the commission. | |
| IX. | Future Agenda Items | | ⇒ One-stop business information center | |
| X. | Next Meeting Date | | The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, 4:00 p.m. | |
| XI. | Adjournment | | Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. | |